

Town of Tewksbury MINUTES

Committee: Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA Main Hall

Members present: Karyn Sliva, Paige Impink, Tom Branchaud, Peter Chase, Susan Young, JoAnn Brace, Ray Bowden, Bruce Shick, JW Buckley Chris Mullins, guest

Members absent:

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 PM

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

The minutes of the January 12, 2023 and February 9, 2023 meetings were approved.

Stewardship

Tom spoke to the town manager about an inventory of the pumphouses at Easement, Poplar, and Chandler Well fields. The inventory was completed, and any PH with fences were secured.

There is interest in potentially restoring one pump house at a location to be determined, for historical/educational purposes. The committee discussed using CPA funds to possibly help. Peter shared that the town website has a history of the pump houses. This will be a future item for discussion.

Outreach

Tom handed out the flyer holders. The group will share them around town.

Development

The committee discussed Parcels of Interest. Tom created a table and the properties were discussed. Paige had a conversation with Steve Sadwick to nail down the disposition of the last few parcels in question.

The committee was pleased to learn that many parcels thought previously unprotected are in fact protected.

The committee has a list of parcels to follow up with town staff for further clarification:

- -water treatment plant
- -locating the protected Easement Road properties on the 2020 warrant
- -asking National Grid about potential Long Pond coastal land acquisition (18-102)
- -confirmation of Poplar well fields protection or not
- -Ella Flemings school
- -protection or not of Ames Hill parcels/Cayuga
- -Long Pond parcels along Pond Street
- -Long Pond parcels along Whipple Road (765/745)

-parcel near East Street cemetery

Former OSRC member Chris Mullins joined to share his memory and insights to the property review. The committee will do a GIS property review, similar to one done a few years ago, linking contiguous parcels and identifying those that are potential add-ons, whether town owned or privately owned.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:30PM

Next meeting: Date: Thursday, April 13, 2023

Time: 6:00PM Place: Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Paige Impink, Clerk

Minutes approved by Committee on: April 13, 2023

Documents: Documents shared can be viewed in the Office of Community Development.